CENTRAL MAINE
POWER

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Reliable electricity delivery service for your community

DEAR THERESA HASKELL:

We work year-round to reduce tree-related outages and deliver the reliable service you depend on. An important part of our Tree Care program is to prevent outages along transmission lines. In 2016, our qualified contractors may be conducting tree work in your community.

The objective is to remove and discourage the growth of trees and to encourage the growth of grasses, ferns and bushes around power lines which traverse the countryside away from highways. We use a very **limited amount** of federally approved herbicides to prevent growth. All herbicides are applied by hand, directly to the individual tree we need to control, using hand-pressurized backpacks. Additionally, when trees are removed, herbicides are applied directly to the top of the freshly cut stumps to prevent resprouting.

After the snow melts, contractors will be cutting brush over 8 feet tall and treating the stumps with an herbicide on transmission rights-of-way. These same rights-of-way will be selectively treated with herbicides during the growing season.

Landowners who object to the use of herbicides on transmission corridors next to their property may request a Landowner's Maintenance Agreement with CMP. The landowner must agree to maintain these areas to the company's specifications. Landowner Agreement forms or additional information may be obtained by writing to CMP Vegetation Management, 83 Edison Drive, Augusta, ME 04336 or by calling Nicholas Hahn at 207-621-3942.

Notifying municipalities of our plans well in advance will give your municipal officials an opportunity to be better prepared to either respond to questions from your community members, or if you prefer, you may direct any inquires about our Tree Care program to my attention. We appreciate the opportunity to deliver reliable service to our customers in your community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Wes Davis

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Manager, Vegetation Management